

**MAJORITY OF ONE THOUSAND
LOOKED FOR IN ST. CLAIR.**

**Democrats Confident of Victory, and
Post Wagers of 2 to 1 on Con-
gressional Candidates.**

1. Kern of Millstadt; and father of Congressman Fred J. Kern of Belleville, died at his home near Millstadt at noon yesterday. He was 67 years old. He had a stroke received three weeks ago, and was drawing a drink of water from the well at his home.

2. He was a husband and two sons and two daughters, the daughters by a previous marriage. The sons are Congressman Fred J. Kern of Belleville, Charles C. Kern of St. Louis, and Mrs. A. C. Kern of St. Louis. The daughters are Mrs. J. C. Keck of Millstadt and Mrs. A. Peters of St. Louis.

3. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the burial being in the cemetery at St. Louis.

4. Mrs. Kern was born in Baden, Germany, August 27, 1828. She came to this country in 1849 and in 1852 married Nicholas Peters, who died in St. Louis in 1884.

5. Henry J. Kern of Millstadt and his wife

Congressman Kern was campaigning yesterday when a telegram was received by his private secretary announcing the death of Mrs. Kern. He hurried to Millstadt and announced that he would discontinue his campaign.

CAMPAIGN CLOSES IN MADISON.
Both Parties Are Claiming a Victory.

The campaign closes to-day in Madison County without a claim from either side as to the result. So many features of the ordinary have entered into the present contest that both sides and all candidates

So far as the congressional contest is concerned, Fred J. Kern of Belleville will carry the vote in Madison County, Ill.

front of Judge Alex W. Hope in Alton, w
have any marked effect on the vote.
Mr. Rodenberg and Judge Cicero J. Lin
ley of Greenville, the former Railroad a

For the lower houses housemen their campaign to-night at a meeting at the Turn Hall in Highland. Congressman Kern's campaign will conclude to-night with an address at Belleville.

Bond and Madison counties is Republican ordinarily by from 1,200 to 1,400, but the result this time is in doubt. The opponents for State Senator are Major William Brickett of Edwardsville, a large land

ticket, against Louis Walters, a glassblower who was a member of the last General Assembly.

night repairing an error on the official ballot. The name of William W. Cox, of Cincinnati appeared as candidate for Representative from the Twenty-second District.

It is necessary to paste stickers on every one of the 34,000 ballots. The figures were also omitted after the names of the Democratic candidates for Representatives

statutes are very plain in this regard, the omission is regarded as trivial.

Edwardsville Notes.

Court, returned yesterday from Chicago, where he visited the Judge. The latter two weeks underwent an operation. He is recovering and expects to be about soon. He has been ill since the last of March.

—The Evangelical Church held Reformat services yesterday. The sermon was by the Reverend H. Rahn.

Alton Notes and Personals.

—The congregation of St. Mary's Church, Henry street, Alton, observed All Souls' Day yesterday with special exercises at their church following which the congregation marched to St. Joseph's Cemetery where the graves of

—The Reverend George R. Gebauer, pastor of the First Unitarian Church in Alton, preached interesting sermon yesterday morning on "A

the men's meeting yesterday afternoon at Alton Y. M. C. A.

—Special services were held at the German Evangelical Church in Alton yesterday. At

ices and administered holy communion, and the evening service the pastor preached on "The Life and Work of Philip Melancthon."

—William Graham of Alton was a visitor St. Joseph, Mo., yesterday.
—Doctor and Mrs. W. E. Fruit of Chicago were the guests of Alton friends yesterday.
—The Alton Masons celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the death of George Washington yesterday.

at Turner Hall, in Ridge street. Special music was rendered by the members of the Masonic choir, in addition to which the White Horse Band gave a concert. The programme was followed by a banquet.

—The funeral of Richard Minsinger of Br
sels took place yesterday afternoon from t
Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Field
southwest of Jerseyville. The Reverend Jo

—The Reverend Doctor Jay A. Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Jarrowville, preached yesterday morning on "The Church" and last evening on "Righteousness in Politics."

—The members of the Church of the Holy Ghost at Jerseyville will hold a four-day festival, beginning to-day, in the National block and down Broadway.

First Presbyterian Church in Jerseyville, preach yesterday morning on "The Divine Will." Last evening the Reverend Mr. Klene's theme was "Speaking the Truth in Love."

—Thomas Quinn of Jerseyville was a visitor St. Louis yesterday.

Oil Men Preparing to Defend Spi

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Beaumont, Tex., Nov. 2—Owners of we

action for the protection of their property and it is expected that within the next few days actual work on an elaborate system of fortifications and chemical warfare stations

been worked out by C. W. Jones of the Jones Company, which owns a well on the hill, and is generally approved.

swayne tract, and four substations with a radius of 100 feet from the central station. Pipes will lead from these stations to different parts of the field, every well

estimated cost of preparing the pans and laying the pipes is \$4,000, while it is expected that the cost of maintenance will be about \$5 per month for each well.

an indication that the well owners are finally realizing the necessity for definite protective plans, and are willing to make some individual concessions. The Yellow

that they will depend upon a plentiful supply of water placed conveniently around the properties, and will have watchmen employed day and night to see that the safety

them to dig safety ditches at various places throughout the tract. The owners of wells on the Gladys tract have also begun to shape plans for a more adequate protection of their own property.

VOLCANO DAMAGES FARMS

Coating of Ashes and Cinders Pro

Tapachutla, State of Chiapas, Mexico
Nov. 2.—Stock growers on neighborly

The brooks are choked with ashes and cinders, and all the neighboring roads are

Diligent investigation shows that there was no loss of life during the recent disturbances. Reports from towns across the

What most impressed everyone was the

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